

Creation of the Universe

The true description from Islam

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Our God and your God is One (Quran 29:46)¹⁹

Many people believe in God but refuse to believe in Allah, thinking Allah is someone other than God. Yet Allah is God. For all those who believe in The One God, The Creator of the universe, then know that our God and your God is one. Allah is He Who created the universe, sustains the universe and regulates the affairs of the universe. He is The Lord of the universe and all that it contains. And for all those who believe in The God of Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus, then know that our God and your God is one. Allah is The God of mankind, The Lord of mankind who created us and those before us. He created Adam and Eve and from them He created the entire human race. He chose prophets from amongst them who called the people back to His sole worship, from Noah to Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon them all. Then let it be known that Allah is not only recognized by Muslims. Allah is God, The All Mighty, The Most High.

Allah! There is no god but Him (Quran 20:8)²⁰

And for all those who believe in God then know that our God and your God is the only God and there is no god but Him. There are no gods besides Him nor does He have sons or daughters. He alone is God and He has no partners of any kind. With Him is complete Oneness and To Him belongs all worship with none besides Him having such right. None has the right to be worshipped but Him for He is The Creator and everything else besides Him is merely His creation.

To Him belong The Most Perfect Names (Quran 20:8)²¹

Allah has kept Himself unseen, He has not kept Himself unknown, creating mankind with the inherent ability to know Him, and sending prophets with scriptures to remind mankind about the truth concerning their Lord. In the Quran Allah informs us of His Names and Attributes which describe His Life, His Self and His Actions. These Most Beautiful Names describe His Perfect attributes and through knowing them we increase in our knowledge of Him. Truly knowledge of The Creator

is the noblest of all knowledge for all other knowledge pertains to creation.

Verily your God is indeed One (Quran 37:4)²²

And from His Names we know He is Al Waahid,²³ meaning The One. He is numerically one. He is not two nor is He part of some trinity. There are no gods besides Him. He is The One God who is One and Prevailing.²⁴

Say, He is Allah The One (Quran 112:1)²⁵

Allah has described His Oneness with further depth of meaning when He describes Himself as being Al Ahad,²⁶ meaning The One and Distinct with uniqueness in all aspects of His existence. This carries a deeper meaning, more florid, expressive and assertive than Him being one numerically as from this Name we know He is completely unique with all His attributes belonging only to Him.

Allah The Eternal (Quran 112:2)²⁷

He describes Himself as Al Samad,²⁸ The One who has Eternal Existence. He is Eternal by virtue of who He is. He is everlasting and perpetually abiding.²⁹ He has no beginning and has always existed. He has no end and will always exist. Beginning and end, these are mere attributes He has given His creation.

He begets not nor was He begotten (Quran 112:3)³⁰

Allah has no son nor does He have a daughter. He does not beget nor was He begotten. His Life is not derived from another nor is it imparted to another for there is no god but Him. He has no parents or forefathers having no genealogy or ancestral trace. He has no wife nor does He have sons or daughters. He is The One God who is Alone and His Life remains with Him.

Nor is there anyone equal to Him (Quran 112:4)³¹

He has no equals, having no associates or divine partnerships. There are no gods besides Him. He has no peers with none comparable to Him. He has no rivals with none to contend with Him. He is The One God and there is none equal to Him.

Allah! There is no god but Him, The All Living, (Quran 3:2)³²

He is Al Hayy,³³ The All Living One with perfection of Life. He is neither conceptual nor symbolic nor is He some lifeless higher force. That is the consideration of those who disbelieve. Rather He is The Living God who has complete perfection of Life.

Allah! There is no god but Him, The All Living, The Self Sustaining (Quran 2:255)³⁴

He is Al Qayyoom,³⁵ meaning The Self Sustaining One with perpetual existence. He sustains Himself in need of only Himself to exist. He is everlasting by virtue of His ability to sustain Himself having total independence from everything other than Him. His life is perpetual without birth or death. Glorified is He Who lives and dies not.³⁶ His Life is untiring, unfailing, suffering neither harm nor defeat no exhaustion nor fatigue. He does not sleep nor does it befit His Majesty that He should sleep.³⁷ Neither slumber nor sleep touches Him for He has perfection of Life.³⁸

There is nothing like Him, He is The All Hearing, The All Seeing. (Quran 42:11)³⁹

His attributes are unique, existing only with Him, and appearing nowhere in His creation. He brought the universe into existence and created various life forms whilst His Life is unique and most perfect. When He mentions His various attributes such as His Hearing or His Sight, then know that these attributes are most perfect, befitting the majesty of The Creator while nothing in creation bears resemblance to Him. Even if creation has similar attributes by name, there is no

resemblance to the essence and nature of His attributes. Our hearing is not like His Hearing just like our power is not like His. His is the highest description⁴⁰ for He is perfect and unique and there is nothing like Him.

No vision can grasp Him while He grasps all vision. (Quran 6:103)⁴¹

No vision can perceive Him. His attributes cannot be envisioned as to how they exist. We cannot imagine His Majesty's Face nor could we possibly perceive it. We witness His Power when we observe the signs within creation but by no means can we fathom its extent, its completeness and perfection. Similarly with all His attributes. It is enough for us to know that no vision can grasp Him while He alone grasps all vision.

He is The First and The Last, The Manifest and The Hidden, (Quran 57:3)⁴²

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, 'O Allah, You are The First, nothing is before you; You are The Last, nothing is after You; You are The Manifest, nothing is above You; You are The Hidden, nothing is nearer than You.'⁴³

Allah The Eternal transcends time and space. He is Al Awwal,⁴⁴ The First with nothing before Him and He is Al Aakhir,⁴⁵ The Last with nothing after Him. He is Al Dhaahir,⁴⁶ The Manifest with nothing above Him and He is Al Baatin,⁴⁷ The Hidden with nothing nearer than Him. He is Eternal and He transcends time and space.

Verily your Lord is The Eternal Creator, (Quran 15:86)⁴⁸

He is Al Khallaaq,⁴⁹ meaning The Eternal Creator Who creates whenever He wills, adding to creation⁵⁰ whenever He wills. It is He Who begins creation and it is He who brings forth a new creation. And He did not become The Creator upon creating the universe. Rather He has always been The Creator and will always be The Creator. He is The Eternal Creator who creates whenever He wills.